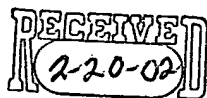


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on  
September 20, 2001.**IN THE SPECIFICATION**Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 16, Line 1  
with the following:1. A slider for supporting transducer elements for a data  
storage system comprising:a rigid member including opposed leading and trailing  
edges and opposed upper and lower surfaces, the  
lower surface including a raised bearing, a  
trailing edge surface being adapted to support a  
transducer element;landing pads extending from the raised bearing and  
adapted to define a contact interface with a disc